



St. John  
THE Baptist  
Faith Formation

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

In eighth grade, students can begin logging service hours toward their 30 hour minimum requirement for Confirmation, which is achieved when they are juniors in high school. Community service is part of being a responsible Christian and it is what Jesus asks of us when he requests for us to be his disciples.

You may begin your service the day you start 8th grade. Students use Community Service Log sheets to track their service hours (see attached). Hours need to be documented and signed by the person supervising the activity. **Log sheets should be turned in no later than a month after service is completed.** *We require at least 10 hours of service is done to benefit the parish.* This means 10 hours needs to be done as an alter server, selling SJB concessions, helping catechists, etc. Those students participating in the Mission trip will earn a total of 30 hours, and they are all credited under "for the parish." Mission trips are open to students in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up.

The remaining 20 hours can be done for the parish or in the community. We can only award 15 hours per volunteer opportunity, therefore students will need to volunteer for two different opportunities outside of the parish.

When students complete their 30 hours they can still turn any additional hours in to us for recording purposes. When they start to apply for scholarships we can print everything out for them and it is one less thing to try to get organized during an already busy senior year!

*What is considered Community Service?- bolded items count towards parish*

- \*Any work done for a Non-Profit organization and almost **anything done for the Church as long as no one is paid for it.**
- \***Helping out at fundraisers like fish fries (unless the funds are for yourself-field trips or confirmation, etc.)**
- \***Singing in one of the choirs at church, serving, or ushering at Mass**
- \*Visiting and helping out at a nursing home (not your relatives)
- \***Helping with Religious Ed. Classes or being a hall monitor**
- \*Soup Kitchens – Welcome Table or St. Vincent de Paul
- \***Helping at bake sales/craft fairs**
- \***The Road America Stand** (unless the shift is to cover required SJB school hours)
- \*Tutoring - It must be done under the supervision of an adult.
- \*Doing tasks for Salvation Army

There are many different opportunities to earn hours. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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